

# City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: May 24, 2023

In Control: Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

## COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

## **SUBJECT:**

A discussion and update regarding the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project by The Nature Conservancy

#### SUMMARY:

The Nature Conservancy will present an update on the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project which may be considered for protection through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Nature Conservancy will present an update on the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project for consideration by the Conservation Advisory Board as a candidate for a conservation easement through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP).

Middle Verde Ranch Phase III is an approximately 2,477-acre property located in Bandera County over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone and is located adjacent to the prior two phases of the

ranch which have been protected by conservation easements through the EAPP under the 2010 and 2015 Proposition 1 programs. This property ranks in the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile of the SET model. The Nature conservancy will be requesting consideration for Stage 2 due diligence for this project as a geological assessment and appraisal have been completed.

### **ISSUE:**

This is an update to the Conservation Advisory Board on the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to approved Stage 2 due diligence on this project.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Stage 2 due diligence for the Middle Verde Ranch Phase III project.